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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS ISSUE ANTI-SMC STATEMENT, DEMAND GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION

1. SUMMARY: FACULTY ASSOCIATION AT GHANA'S LEADING UNIVERSITY HAS JOINED THE EVER-INCREASING LIST OF GROUPS OPENLY CALLING ON THE ACHEAMPONG GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN IMMEDIATELY. ITS LENGTHY "CASE AGAINST THE SMC" IS THE MOST CAREFULLY DOCUMENTED SUCH EFFORT WE HAVE SEEN. END SUMMARY.

2. GHANA ASSOCATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS AT LEGON HAS CIRCULATED A TEN-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "THE CASE AGAINST THE SMC" TO THE HEAD OF STATE, KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE PRESS AND FACULTY OF ALL THREE UNIVERSITIES. IT IS DATED JULY 1, BUT REFERS TO THE ACHEAMPONG STATEMENTS OF THAT DAY (ACCRA 5042) INCLUDING THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE.

3. THIS STUDY, THE MOST DETAILED AND CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE CAUSES OF GHANA'S PRESENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TROUBLES THE EMBASSY HAS YET SEEN, ENDS UP CALLING UPON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SMC GOVERNMENT TO "RESIGN IMMEDIATELY" AND APPEALS TO "ALL PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS" TO JOIN IN DEMANDING ITS RESIGNATION.

4. THE DOCUMENT EXAMINES, IN ORDER, THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE IN LIGHT OF WORLD COCOA PRICES, INFLATION, AGRICULTURAL MISMANAGEMENT, THE "CAMPAIGN AGAINST MIDDLE-

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MEN", CORRUPTION IN THE REGIME AND THE BUREAUCRACY, AND
WHAT IT CALLS THE "BANKRUPTCY IN NATIONAL POLICY" (MEANING
PRIMARILY THE ABSENCE OF POLICY AND THE SUBSTITUTION OF
AN EMERGENCY "OPERATION" TO MEET EACH NEW PROBLEM). IT
CONCLUDES IN EACH CASE THAT SMC INCOMPETENCE, INDECISION
AND CORRUPTION IS AT THE ROOT. A COPY IF BEING POUCHED
TO AF/W.

5. COMMENT: THIS STUDY IS THE MOST THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED
AND ABLY PRESENTED OF ANY OF THE STATEMENTS AND MANIFESTOES
ISSUED SO FAR. DEVOID OF RHETORIC AND IDEOLOGY, IT PRESENTS
DAMNING FACTS AND FIGURES IN AN IMPRESSIVE AND WELL-
ORGANIZED MANNER. IT IS PROBABLY TOO CALMLY REASONED--
AND TOO LONG -- TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE
MASSES, BIT IT COULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR
LEADERSHIP GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE OPPOSITION TO
THE REGIME.
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